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BETA-LACTAMASE SUBSTRATES HAVING PHENOLIC ETHERS

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Application No.: 10/044,486

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, November 17, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-

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